

Narberth Rural District Council



ANNUAL
REPORT



OF THE
DISTRICT
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1963

N A R B E R T H R U R A L D I S T R I C T

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present to you my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1963.

Water Supply

During the year the water supply was taken over by the Pembrokeshire Water Board and although there were difficulties during the early part of the summer, on the whole the position has been better than previously.

Housing

The biggest problem exists in the south of the district, particularly in the Saundersfoot area where the demand far exceeds the supply, but the lack of a satisfactory main sewerage system has held up building.

Sewerage Schemes

A number of schemes are being considered and it is gratifying to be able to report that the Saundersfoot Scheme is under way.

Again I should like to emphasize how important a part the Public Health Inspector plays in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation, and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population(Registrar General's Estimate),...1963....

.....9,870.....

	<u>Narberth</u> <u>R.D.1963</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>R.D.1962</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembrokeshire</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Live Births	154	150		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	15.60	15.07	19.18	18.2
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	4.54	2.0		
Still Births	4	2		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	25.31	13.15	19.45	17.3
Total Live and Still Births	158	152		
Infant Deaths	4	1		
Infant Mortality Rate(Deaths under 1 year)(per 1,000 Live Births) - total	25.97	6.66	21.58	20.9
- legitimate	27.21	6.8		
- illegitimate	nil	nil		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 4 weeks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	19.48	6.66	13.41	
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 1 week)(per 1,000 Live Births)	12.98	nil	11.66	
Perinatal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 1 week and Still Births Combined)(per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	37.97	13.15	30.89	

The infant mortality rate shows an increase on last year's figure but this was unusually low. There were four deaths this year of infants under 1 year of age. One death occurred at the age of 4 months and another at 5 days from congenital malformations; the third occurred at the age of 1 week from cerebral compression and the fourth at 3 days from cerebral haemorrhage.

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Maternal Deaths	nil	nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate(per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	nil	0.28
Deaths	150	124		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	15.19	12.46	12.2	12.2

The general death rate also shows a slight increase on last year's figure and heart disease again accounted for the highest number of deaths in any one group. Only one of the 11 deaths from cancer was due to cancer of the lung. Approximately 20% of the total number of deaths occurred in persons aged over 80 years.

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	75	75
Measles	-	1
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	6	1
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus,	-	1
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	4
Leukaemia, aleukaemia,	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	22
Coronary disease, angina,	13	13
Hypertension with heart disease	-	3
Other heart disease	7	8
Other circulatory disease	3	1
Pneumonia	4	3
Bronchitis	8	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea,	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Congenital malformations	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	8
All other accidents	1	3

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

3	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
1	Tuberculosis of other organs
6	Measles
1	Whooping Cough
1	Dysentery

TUBERCULOSIS

No deaths from tuberculosis occurred this year but three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified and one case of tuberculosis of the knee. There was also one case of pulmonary tuberculosis transferred from another area.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers continues to be carried out in the district. Clinic sessions are held as required and the schools are also visited. During 1963, 2 contacts and 43 school leavers (i.e. pupils aged thirteen years and over) were vaccinated. The Chest Physician, Dr.D.Llewelyn Davies, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service again visited Harberth during November this year and carried out a survey amongst the general population of the town and the surrounding country areas. The results are as follows:-

	<u>Grand</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total No. examined	118	63	55
No. found to be abnormal	13 (11.02%)	5	8
No. requiring further observation	1 (.85%)	1	-
Other abnormalities of the chest	12 (10.17%)	4	8

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Both vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus are carried out at the clinic and also by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council for records received each quarter by your Medical Officer. During 1963 the following records were received:-

Primary Vaccinations	37	Re-vaccinations	12
Diphtheria Immunisations	87	Re-inforcing injections	15
Whooping Cough Immunisations	87	Tetanus Immunisations	87

VACCINATIONS AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

The use of oral vaccine has been found to be very satisfactory, particularly for infants, but the response from the 15-25 age group is still poor.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

